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PRESIDENT: Is that the same sections, same amendment as we had by Senator Stahmer?

SENATOR MAHONEY: No, it wasn't Senator Stahmer's; it was similar to Senator Goodrich's. I made this point because I think it is necessary. This is for training from our medical school that will allow intern practicing, general practitioners, to have the opportunity to stay within the State and to be sent outstate and to encourage that they continue this program so that we have general practitioners for outstate. I think that the first time it was explained it was a little noisy and Senator Goodrich didn't have the opportunity to get this fully across. There is no money involved.

PRESIDENT: Senator Goodrich?

SENATOR GOODRICH: I would like to support Senator Mahoney and his amendment. I want to point out something that we found when we were looking at the med center policy relative to the production of doctors. For example, if you provide the residency for a med student within the State of Nebraska, you retain 66 percent of those doctors in the State of Nebraska. If you do not provide the residency within the State of Nebraska, if you let them go outside the State of Nebraska to get their residency, you only retain 12 percent. It is for that reason that this is vital to the solution of supplying doctors to the outstate areas of Nebraska. Now, one other thing. During their residency training, they are forced in what is called a preceptorship program to take four months in the outstate area of Nebraska. There are three specific areas that have been set up for this now and they want to set up two or three more. What this boils down to is that they are forced to go outstate for three to four months during their one year residency. For example, a doctor, a young lady that was going through med school in Omaha was assigned to the McCook area for her residency preceptorship program. She fought that like crazy; she didn't want to go. When she was forced to go, she wound up spending three months at McCook, came back, married another doctor in the class and they both went back to McCook. They are both going to practice in McCook. If you want to solve the problems of getting doctors in the outstate areas of Nebraska, this is the way to do it. Adopt this amendment, please.

PRESIDENT: Senator Whitney?

SENATOR WHITNEY: Mr. President and members of the Legislature. As I understand it, there is no money involved here; it is just a statement of policy and the budget committee has already provided funds for this coming year. I feel this is a good amendment and we might just as well accept it.

PRESIDENT: Senator Marsh?

SENATOR MARSH: Mr. President, this amendment would have the affect of saying that the medical college can come in after the public hearing and decide then how many house officers we are going to have. We are now making the decision on how many we will be funding next year without a public hearing. I seriously oppose this amendment to LB 94.

PRESIDENT: Alright, now then. This is difficult and the Chair hates to do this, but nevertheless, I think that Senator Goodrich, for what purpose do you rise?

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